

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday July 23, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette County – Calamine Pavillion – County Highway G, Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Wiegel and Bartels of Lafayette County, Blumer from Green County and DeLain from Iow County Absent; Ludlum, Fiduccia, and Kubly . Also present were members from the local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion by Wiegel and second by Wolfe to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Wolfe and second by Blumer to approve the June 25, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

Tom reported that he has signed and sent in the grant funding agreements for ATV, UTV and snowmobile for the 2015-2016 seasons. The funding has been approved and he has requested advance payments once again. Tom and Deb will work to get the vouchers and trail grooming records to Annie at the DNR so that we can receive the rest of our funding for the 14-15 season.

Tom has responded to a request from the bridge rehabilitation funding committee asking that we should consider using wood rather than concrete in our bridge rehab estimates. Tom responded that 75% of our use is from ATV/UTV's and that because of the existing concrete decks, this is far more cost effective than overlaying these decks with wood. The funding meeting will be held on Tuesday Aug. 25th in Wausau and we should hear shortly after that meeting whether these projects will receive funding or not.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail.

Lee reported that he has completed some culvert repair near Gratiot and near Larse road. He has done some grading and added some fines just south of Gratiot with left over snowmobile funds.

Jeff Voegeli was not available for a report, but Larry Whitehead reported that everything on that end of the trail was in pretty good shape.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

Tom has checked with the engineers and the bridge removal project on Patterson road in Green County will take place after Labor day. Detour routes for the trail during construction have already been formulated and approved on Township roads.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. Vouchers were presented for approval for both the 2014-2015 funding year and the 2015-2016 funding year. A motion by DeLain to approve the vouchers for payment was seconded by Blumer. Motion carried.

Tom presented an updated version of the Status of funds and a motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Bartels to approve. Motion carried.

Lee McCarville provided beverages and a delicious meal for everyone present. Thank you Lee.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Aug. 20, 2015 at the Mineral Pt. City hall at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: A motion was made by DeLain and seconded by Bartels to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion carried

Submitted 8/20/2015 TRJ